WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Effect of rise in coal prices

302. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the steep rise in coal prices has its cascading effect in prices of steel and power sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the beneficiary common man is severely affected by the rise in prices of prime grade coal; and

(c) whether Government have received representation from the steel and power industry to reconsider the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COALAND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO) (a) and (b) Power sector and steel sector are major consumers of coal. Any increase in price of coal leads to increase in their cost of generation/production. It is estimated that the recent increase in coal prices by CIL would have an impact of less than 6 paise on the cost of generation of 1 unit of electricity and presuming the average price of steel as Rs. 25, 500/- per tonne, the impact on steel would be less than 2%.

(c) No, Sir.

Recommendations of World Bank regarding extraction of Coal, Oil and Gas

303. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Extractive Industry Review of the World Bank has made some recommendations with regard to extraction of coal, oil and gas,

(b) if so, details thereof, and

(c) the position of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COALAND MINES (DR DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The review recommended the following after a case study from Parej East Project of Central Coalfields Limited executed under Coal Sector Environment and Social Mitigation Project (CSESMP):—

* Viable livelihoods need to be restored to the affected people, indigenous land titles need to be established and given to the